

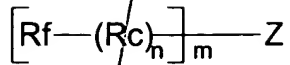
Please replace the paragraph on page 97, lines 3-8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

ay --In 174.57 kg of water was dissolved 8 kg of modified polyvinyl alcohol MP203, manufactured by KURARAY CO., LTD., and then 3.15 kg of an aqueous solution of 20% by weight sodium triisopropylphthalenesulfonate and 14.28 kg of 6-isopropylphthalazine were added to the solution to prepare a solution of 5% by weight 6-isopropylphthalazine.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

as sub B1 1. (Amended) A photothermographic material comprising a support having provided on one surface thereof at least one kind of light-sensitive silver halide, a light-insensitive organic silver salt, a reducing agent for silver ions, and a binder, wherein the photothermographic material comprises a surface active agent represented by the following formula (F):



(F)

wherein Rf represents a perfluoroalkyl group, Rc represents an alkylene group, Z represents a group having an anionic group, a cationic group, a betaine-series group, or a nonionic polar group necessary for imparting a surface activity, n represents an integer of 0 or 1, and m represents an integer of 1, 2 or 3, and wherein the photothermographic material comprises a color toning agent, which is a combination of phthalazine and phthalic acid.

Please add the following new claim:

--5. (New) The photothermographic material according to claim 1, wherein in formula (F), Rc represents an alkylene group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms and n is 1.--